

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants' representative notes the Examiner's careful and thorough examination of the application. Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Nguyen for the indication of allowed subject matter.

In the *Ex Parte Quayle* Action mailed August 10, 2006 the Examiner presented the following observations (i) claim 5 should be canceled as having been directed to non-elected Group II, and (ii) the Abstract exceeds 150 words in length; and the Examiner objected to the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section of the Specification as failing to have each drawing description in a separate paragraph. Claims 1-4 were indicated as allowed.

Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application in view of the following remarks and arguments.

By this response, Applicant's representative amends the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section of the Specification, amends the Abstract, and cancels claim 5 without prejudice. The text of the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section of the Specification is unchanged in new paragraphs 6.1-6.6 from original paragraph 6., and new paragraphs 7.1-7.7 from original paragraph 7., lines 6-19; the text of new paragraph number 8.1 is identical to original paragraph number 7., lines 1-6; and text is deleted from the Abstract. As such, no new matter has been added.

Consequently, in view of these remarks, Applicants respectfully contend that the objections have been fully replied to, and that the application is in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issue.

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Response to *Ex Parte Quayle* Action of August 10, 2006

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative to discuss prompt resolution of any remaining issues necessary to place this case in condition for allowance.


Respectfully submitted,

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